

**PURPOSE**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Lead Safe Home Program (LSHP) provides lead identification and remediation services to LSHP enrollees statewide while striving to ensure the safety of all staff, contractors and vendors on LSHP project sites.

**POLICY**

A LSHP staff, contractor or vendor shall walk away from a LSHP enrolled project if one or more of the following situations are present:

1. Property owner and/or occupant become aggressive, yell, scream or show any sign of a violent behavior.
2. There is evidence of drug use or drug transactions occurring at the property.
3. Property owner and/or occupant is uncooperative to the point the LSHP staff, contractor or vendor is unable to continue with the necessary work.
4. Illegal weapons are observed on the property owner and/or occupant's person and LSHP staff, contractor or vendor feels threatened.

This policy shall be effective in any situation meeting requirements above, regardless of geographic location of project or funding source of project.

**PROCEDURE**

As lead abatement work commences and LSHP staff, contractors or vendors feel they are in danger, LSHP staff, contractor or vendor should:

1. Immediately vacate the property
2. Once in a safe location, LSHP staff, contractor or vendor should immediately contact the LSHP unit manager and/or Healthy Homes section manager. Additionally, when necessary, contact law enforcement.

Upon notification from LSHP staff, vendor or contractor, LSHP unit manager and/or Healthy Homes section manager shall:

1. Document the situation in writing and place written correspondence in project case file.
2. Notify Division of Environmental Health director in writing.
3. Facilitate arrangements for the project to be deemed safe for the contractor or RFC to return, if possible. LSHP shall strive to ensure completion of remediation work where possible.
4. If necessary arrangements for continued LSHP project work cannot be facilitated due to continuing threats or hostile environment, LSHP unit manager shall prepare a letter of closure to the property owner including the reason as to why the project was vacated and closed and shall provide a copy of this letter to the project case file.

As necessary, LSHP shall consult with other MDHHS areas including Child Protective Services when project cannot be safely completed and child remains in home identified with lead hazards.

## LEGAL BASE

Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, PI 113-235 (December 16, 2014).

Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (CHIP), 42 U.S.C. §1315

Flint Supplemental Appropriation, Sec. 8-115. (GF)

## CONTACT

For additional information concerning this policy, contact the MDHHS Healthy Homes section at 517-284-4819.